of designations in HPSEB and NJPC

SHRIMATI CHANDRESH RI: Will the Minister of POWER sed to state:

hether Government have been re- d to equate the level and designa- s of the posts of the officers of Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board and Nathpa Jhakhri Power Corporation;

(b) whether such requests also include to ensure no reduction of share of posts of HPSEB Management in future either on retirement/resignation/death in service of staff HPSEB;

(c) if so, the action taken on these requests; and

(d) if no action has been taken, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (d) An agreement dated 23.7.1991 was drawn up between the Government of India and Government of Himachal Pradesh which *inter-alia* envisage that 2870 personnel of Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board (HPSEB) would be taken over by Nathpa Jhakri Power Corporation (NJPC) on "as is where is" basis. However, a result of the bilateral lis-
cussions held on 4.8.1995, both HPSEB and NJPC had mutually agreed that in case of resignation/death/retirement etc. replacements are not to be made.

HPSEB and NJPC had in a supplementary agreement dated 6-1-1992 mutually worked out equivalences of HPSEB Engineers working in NJPC on secondment basis for the purpose of incremental recruitment and exercising delegated financial powers. However, from time to time, Engineers and other Staff of HPSEB on secondment to NJPC had been raising demands for improvement of their service conditions including equivalences. Negotiations at various levels with various associations/unions have since been held as a result of which NJPC has formulated a package deal and submitted to the Government for final dispensation.

NTPC dues outstanding against Delhi and Uttar Pradesh

1049. DR. B. B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has decided to snap power supplies to Delhi and Uttar
Pradesh in case they do not pay their huge outstanding dues;

(b) if so, the amount of outstanding dues from them to NTPC;

(c) the reasons for the delay in clearing the outstanding dues; and

(d) the action taken by Government to solve the problem?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has not taken any decision to snap power supply to Uttar Pradesh (UP) and Delhi as both the states after receiving notices from NTPC have taken the following actions to liquidate their outstanding dues:—

(i) **Uttar Pradesh**

Subsequent to issue of notice, UPSEB enhanced the Letter of Credit (LC) from Rs. 105 crores to Rs. 120 crores. UPSEB has agreed to further enhance LC to the level of average monthly billing of Rs. 131 crores shortly and to Rs. 140 crores by end of December, 1998. UPSEB has also agreed in principle to consider issue of bonds worth Rs. 500 crores guaranteed by Government of UP as part settlement of the outstanding dues. Government of Uttar Pradesh have also agreed in principle to consider transfer Maneri Bhali Hydro Project to NTPC towards liquidating their outstanding dues.

(ii) *Delhi*

Delhi have established LC of Rs. 90

crores which is equivalent to 82% of current average monthly billing. Chairman, Delhi Vidyut Board (DVB) has assured that current payments will be made by the Board. In October, 1998 itself, DVB has paid additionally Rs. 13 crores over and above LC amount.

(b) The outstanding dues as on 31-10-1998 from Delhi and Uttar Pradesh to NTPC were Rs. 1739.93 crores and Rs. 1785.61 crores respectively.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

टिहरी बांध को पूरा करने का लक्ष्य

1050. **श्री मनोहर कान्त ध्यानी:** क्या विद्युत मंत्री 15 जुलाई, 1998 को राज्य सभा में तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या 409 के दिए गये उत्तर की देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या टिहरी बांध (उत्तर प्रदेश) का अपने लक्ष्यों के अनुसार चल रहा है और यदि हां, प्रमुख बांध की ऊंचाई को ई०एल० 620.0 मीटर उठाने के लक्ष्य में अभी तक क्या उपलब्धि हुई है;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो सरकार द्वारा लक्ष्य को प्राप्त करने के लिए क्या उपचारी कार्यवाही की गई है?

विद्युत मंत्री (श्री पी० आर० कुमारमंगलम): (क) और (ख) वर्ष 1998-99 के लिए टिहरी परियोजना के कार्यान्वयन हेतु लक्ष्य और अब तक की उपलब्धियां निम्नांकित हैं:—

	लक्ष्य	उपलब्धियां
1.	मुख्य बांध के स्तर को उत्थापन स्तर 620.0 मीटर तक उठाना।	जुलाई, 1998 में सम्पन्न।
2.	उत्थापन स्तर 605.0 मीटर तक बिजली घर की भूमिगत खुदाई कार्य पूरा करना।	अगस्त, 1998 में सम्पन्न।
3.	चार नियंत्रक शाफ्टों की खुदाई कार्य पूरा करना	65% कार्य पूरा हो चुका है, लक्ष्य मार्च, 1999 तक पूरा होने की संभावना है।
4.	टेल-रेस सुरंग का खुदाई कार्य पूरा करना	85% कार्य पूरा। लक्ष्य मार्च, 1999 तक पूरा होने की संभावना।

टिहरी जल विद्युत परियोजना चरण-1 (1000 मे०वा०) को वर्ष 2002 तक पूरा किया जाना है।

Completion of Chamera Hydel Project

1051. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the implementation of the Chamera Hydel Project;

(b) the steps being taken to expedite the implementation of the project; and

(c) the time frame within which the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) The Central Electricity Authority (CEA) accorded fresh Techno-economic clearance to the Chamera Hydro-electric Project Stage-II on 27-7-1998. The project is being executed by National Hydro-Electric Power Corporation (NHPC). Global tenders for turnkey execution of the project were invited. The bids received have been evaluated. Pre-construction and infrastructure works have commenced. The process for obtaining investment sanction to the project has been initiated.

(c) The Project is expected to be completed in a period of 5 years from the date of issue of investment approval.